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Dr Sundwall,

The Utah Health Information Network (UHIN), a non-profit, community-based organization, is honored to submit the first clinical exchange standard, *Standard #55 Clinical Laboratory Results* v2.0, to the Utah Department of Health Standard #55 was approved by the UHIN Board of Directors on September 3, 2008.

Standard #55 was developed by the Utah laboratory, healthcare clinic and hospital community with broad participation, including all five of the major laboratory systems in the state, the four major Utah hospital systems, a prominent Utah multi-specialty clinic and the Utah Department of Health, over a period of three years. Standard #55 was developed in compliance with national HL7 Standards. Standard #55 was created and approved through a consensus process.

The Clinical Laboratory Results Standard standardizes laboratory results as they are exchanged between organizations. Version 2.0 of the Standard has been updated to include the requirement of the National Provider Identifier and provide specific requirements for electronically reported State of Utah reportable laboratory results.

Thank you for this opportunity to assist the Utah Department of Health in bringing clinical data exchange standards to Utah.

Sincerely,

Jan Root, PhD, Executive Director

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